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To the Editor,

After reviewing several articles about my recent trade mission to South Africa, I would like to clarify some inaccurate reporting on the topic of my support. Please find enclosed a document from SABMiller to Governor Jim Doyle of the Great State of Wisconsin, supporting my participation in leading a business delegation to South Africa. I am aware that the corporate headquarters of SABMiller is in London, but the most important headquarters that is critical to the City of Milwaukee's economic growth is the Miller Brewing Co. right here in Milwaukee.

With the City of Milwaukee struggling in our economic comparison to other similar municipalities, the reality is that the country of South Africa should be embraced when their business interests have taken the time to choose our city for investment opportunities. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> Aldermanic District alone, there is industrial land waiting for development and it is my job to promote business and job growth, which in theory will give my constituents property tax relief, if successful.

I will continue to support Milwaukee-based international companies with corporate headquarters in the city and region like SABMiller, Johnson Controls, Manpower International, and Harley-Davidson, just to name a few. Their true commitment to this city is unquestionable. They deserve our full support and we should all share with the world how lucky we are to have their presence here in this Great City.

And by the way, I have no intent to travel to London on this issue. I love Milwaukee!

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